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SUBJ: UNEP/GC - DRAFT RESOLUTION ON WHALES

1. USDEL HAS SUBMITTED DRAFT RESOLUTION ON WHALES ATTACHED TO POSITION PAPER ON MARINE MAMMALS (AGNDA ITEM 7) TO WEO GROUP FOR ITS VIEWS AND SUPPORT. JAPAN RESPONDED WITH ALTERNATIVE DRAFT AS FOLLOWS:

2. "NOTING THAT THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE HUMAN ENVIRONMENT CALLED FOR THE INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION TO ADOPT A TEN-YEAR MORATORIUM ON COMMERCIAL WHALING AND CALLED FOR GOVERNMENTS TO STRENGTHEN THE COMMISSION AND TO INCREASE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH EFFORTS, AND THAT THE GOVERNING COUNCIL AT ITS FIRST MEETING ENDORSED THESE RECOMMENDATIONS; AND

"TAKING NOTE OF THE EMPHASIS EXPRESSED BY THE SCIENTIFIC CONSULTATION ON MARINE MAMMALS IN BERGEN IN 1976 REGARDING THE CONTINUING NEED FOR IMPROVED INFORMATION ABOUT WHALE AND CETACEAN STOCKS;

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"THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

"WELCOMES THE EFFORTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION IN THE FIELD OF CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF WHALES,

"REQUESTS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO CALL UPON THE INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION AT ITS 29TH MEETING TO CONSIDER

THE CONVENING OF A CONFERENCE CONCERNING NEW ARRANGEMENTS  
FOR THE EFFECTIVE CONSERVATION OF ALL CETACEANS,

"REQUESTS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXTEND THE SUPPORT, AS  
APPROPRIATE, TO RESEARCH ACTIVITIES WITH RESPECT TO THE  
CONSERVATION AND EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT TO CONSERVE WHALES  
AND OTHER CETACEANS."

3. MAIN CHANGES SOUGHT BY JAPAN ARE (A) IN FIRST PARA TO  
REDUCE CG SUPPORT FOR 10-YEAR MORATORIUM TO ONLY ITS FIRST  
MEETING, (B) TO ELIMINATE QUOTE (1) REAFFIRMS ITS SUPPORT  
FOR A 10-YEAR MORATORIUM, ETC, UNQUOTE FROM THIRD PARA US  
DRAFT RESOLUTION, (C) TO CHANGE THE WORDS QUOTE NEW  
CONVENTION UNQUOTE IN OUR THIRD PARA TO QUOTE NEW ARRANGE-  
MENTS UNQUOTE ON GROUNDS IWC HAS NOT CONSENTED TO NEGOTIATION  
OF NEW CONVENTION AND (D) ADDITION OF SENTENCE ON IWC.  
JAPANESE CONCERNED ABOUT ORGANIZATIONS OTHER THAN IWC'S  
BEING INVOLVED IN SPECIFIC DISCUSSIONS ABOUT WHAT SHOULD  
BE DONE IN AREA OF CONSERVATION OF WHALES.

4. WE HAVE TOLD JAPANESE THAT THERE IS NO BASIS FOR CHANGING  
UNEP'S REPEATEDLY EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR A TEN-YEAR MORATORIUM  
(PARA 487, GC/90), WHICH GOES BACK TO THE ORGANIZATION'S  
INCEPTION, DESPITE THE ANOMALY OF ITS NOT BEING STATED IN  
THE FOURTH GC. JAPANESE SAY THEY CAN FIND NO EVIDENCE OF  
ENDORSEMENT OF 10-YEAR MORATORIUM BY GC EXCEPT IN ITS FIRST  
MEETING.

5. JAPANESE HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY WILL HAVE TO PUT IN A  
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RESERVATION IF WE INSIST ON USING US LANGUAGE ON 10-YEAR  
MORATORIUM.

6. WHILE THIS JAPANESE ALTERNATIVE DRAFT BETTER THAN THEIR  
FIRST ONE WHICH CONTAINED NO MENTION 10-YEAR MORATORIUM,  
IT IS SIGNIFICANTLY WEAKER AND FUZZY AS COMPARED TO US DRAFT.  
IF CONCERNED WASHINGTON AGENCIES INSTRUCT US MAINTAIN  
WORDING IN PARA 3 (QL US DRAFT ON 10-YEAR MORATORIUM AND  
JAPANESE CONTINUE TO RESERVE, THEN USDEL RECOMMENDS WE  
SUBMIT US RESOLUTION AS ORIGINALLY DRAFTED.

7. NOAA AND CEQ SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN DEPARTMENT'S REPLY.  
USDEL WOULD APPRECIATE REPLY BY IMMEDIATE CABLE FOR ITS  
USE AT OPENING OF BUSINESS MAY 18.  
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